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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRMS
ESTABLISHING BRANCH OFFICES

1. DEPT. OF COMMERCE HAS RAISED WITH US QUESTION OF
REPORTED BAHRAIN GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT THAT FOREIGN
FIRMS SEEKING TO ESTABLISH BRANCHES IN BAHRAIN SUBMIT
NOT ONLY NAMES OF EACH MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BUT ALSO INDICATE DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH OF EACH.
COMMERCE IS CONCERNED THAT THIS REQUIREMENT COULD BE
SEEN AS DEVICE TO DETERMINE NATIONAL ORIGIN OF BOARD
MEMBERS WHICH WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR DEPT. OF COMMERCE
REGULATIONS ON NONDISCRIMINATION.

2. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU COULD GIVE US WHAT INFORMA-
TION YOU HAVE ON BACKGROUND FOR THIS BAHRAIN REQUIREMENT,
WITHOUT RAISING ISSUE WITH GOB AT THIS TIME. KISSINGER

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